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Dear Members of the Honolulu City Council,

I strongly oppose Bill 69 and respectfully request that you permanently shelve this proposal.

Clearly we need restored bus service, but to fund that by detracting from the beauty of our environment, subjecting everyone to likely controversial ads, subjecting the City to lawsuits and opening the door to more outdoor advertisement (that violate the billboard ban our foremothers fought for almost 100 years ago) simply is not the way to fund bus service. Two wrongs do not make a right.

Other cities envy Honolulu's billboard ban and sign laws, and now regret allowing bus advertisement (Phoenix and San Francisco right now are in litigation over offensive ads). Tourism is such a vital part of our economy, and Tourist come here for our islands beauty, not to be deluged by visual clutter. Government's role is to do the best for the well being of it's citizens, and there is no way cluttering out visual landscape with ugly and likely offensive ads is good for our people.

Please find the funding for basic city services elsewhere. The Legislature has just granted the City and County of Honolulu \$4.4 million from hotel tax revenues. Why can't that be a source of bus funding? Or a tax on tourist? Or restoring some of the money taken from the bus to fund rail? There have to be other sources that don't harm the beauty of our island that nourishes us and our visitors.

Please demonstrate your aloha for our island and our people by voting NO on Bill 69.

Thank you for your consideration,

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